Supply of Medicines for the Killer Diseases under National Health Programme

1202. SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether TB, Leprosy, Polio, Typhoid, Measles and Mental Health control programmes are covered under National Health Programme;

(b) whether Government have set up centres in each state to take to control these diseases;

(c) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government are supplying medicines for the control and treatment of these diseases;

(e) if so, the quantity of medicines being supplied for each disease to these centres;

(f) whether it is a fact that most of the medicines are not available with these centres; if so, the reasons therefor;

(g) what are the names of medicines for the control and treatment of these diseases; and

(h) whether it is a fact that number of deaths due to these diseases is increasing every year, what are the total number of death due to each of these diseases during last five years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) TB, Leprosy, Polio, Typhoid and Measles are covered under National Health Programmes. The outline of a National Mental Health Programme has also recently been approved by the Government.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The following infrastructure has been created for control of diseases under various National Health Programmes:

LEPROSY

(1) Urban Leprosy Centres.

(2) Leprosy Control Units.

(3) Survey, Education and Treatment Centres.

(4) Modified Control Units.

(5) Reconstructive Surgery Units.

(6) Temporary Hospitalization Wards.

TUBERCULOSIS

(1) District TB Centres.

(2) TB Clinics.

EXPANDED PROGRAMME OF IMMUNIZATION

(1) Primary Health Centres.

(2) Sub-centres.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Drugs for leprosy and vaccines for polio, typhoid and measles are supplied to the States in kind according to their requirements free of cost by the Centre. As regards, Tuberculosis, anti-TB drugs are supplied on 50:50 basis.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) The following medicines/vaccines are being used for the control/treatment of these diseases:—

TUBERCULOSIS

1. Inj. Streptomycin Sulphate
2. INH
3. PAS
4. Thiacetazone
5. Ethambutol

LEPROSY

1. Dapsone
2. Solfazimine
3. Refampicine

EPI

(i) Polio Vaccine
(ii) BCG Vaccine
(iii) Typhoid Vaccine
(iv) Measles Vaccine

MENTAL HEALTH

There are several tested and reliable drugs like chlorpromazine, Amitriphlyline Phenolarbitone, Diazepam which are used as antipsychotic/antidepressant/antiepileptic/ anti-anxiety drugs. These drugs are usually available in the institution where mental illnesses are treated.

(h) No, Sir. A statement giving the available information regarding deaths due to Tuberculosis, Polio, Typhoid and Measles reported during the last 5 years is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CVLII, Annexure No. 63]. Leprosy does not directly contribute to death in the affected persons.

Employing of Trainees in Cochin Shipyard Limited

1203. SHRI N. E BALARAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of apprentice trainees are employed in the Cochin Shipyard Limited continuously for the last 3 years; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and the reason for no regularising them so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) At preset 109 Apprentices are under-going Training under the Apprentices Act and their training is scheduled to be completed by 30th April 1987. Besides, CSL has also taken 127 Apprentices in two batches of 99 in June 1984 and 28 in January 1985 respectively, for intensive training under Company's own scheme. In the light of general ban on the creation of posts, earlier there were no vacancies against which these frainees could have been taken. Management is now considering them for employment against the notified vacancies after their names are sponsored by the employment exchange, who have been specifically requested to consider sponsoring the intensive trainees also for the posts of Shipwright (General).

Crisis in shipping companies

1204. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact the shipping industry has been going through the crisis and if so, what are the steps already taken or being contemplated to help the shipping companies;

(b) what was the strength of the Indian merchant fleet on March 31, 1987 and what is the age of each ship in the fleet;

(c) what was the Indian shipping tonnage on January 1, 1987, January 1, 1986, January 1, 1985 and January 1, 1981; and

(d) what was the amount of tonnage required on each one of the four above dates and what have been the adverse effects on the industry because of the gaps in the required and the actual available tonnage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir. Government of India have been making continuous assessment of the factors responsible for present crisis, namely, want of adequate cargo and serious constraint on the cash flows. Govt. have extended help to Indian Shipping companies in various forms of cargo support and incentives for carrying cargo in Indian bottoms. To ease the cash flow problems, Govt. have on 3 occasions earlier considered reshedulement of the payments of the principal and interest amounts.

(b) The operating strength of the Indian merchant fleet as on 31st